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1. In mid-July 1952 air defense units at Foochow (119-19, 26-05) consisted of one battalion (3602) with 16 anti-aircraft guns and 20 anti-aircraft machine guns. A searchlight unit was also stationed at Foochow Airfield.

2. The East China Military Area's Naval Department recently sent CHIANG (5592), chief of a combat division, and a number of other staff officers to Mawei (119-26, 25-59) for an inspection. A large number of gunboats and motorized sailboats are concentrated at Mawei. About 10 July the fortress command held maneuvers in which 150 Marine Corps personnel participated.

3. On 18 July, 1,500 men from Fukien Military District army engineering units were sent along the Foochow-Chuanchou-Amoy highway to repair defense works from Putien (119-03, 25-29) to Fuch'ing (119-25, 25-43). More than 20 truckloads of cement and iron plates were shipped there. Plans called for completion of repairs before the end of July, but heavy rains postponed the work.

4. On 17 July, 3,000 infantry troops with several artillery pieces left Foochow in the direction of Lienchiang (119-31, 26-12).

5. Beginning on 17 July Foochow had heavy rains on consecutive days. By 20 July floods had destroyed many houses, and more than 300,000 persons were distressed. An official announcement said that more than 60,000 mou of paddy fields in the vicinity were flooded. The floods gradually receded on the afternoon of 22 July.[1]

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